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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HASEGAWA, Hiroshi, et al.

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED September 29, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: October 17, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **September 29, 2008**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-6, 13, 15 and 19; Group (II), Claims 7-12, 20, 21 and 22; and Group (III), Claims 14-16, 17, 18 and 23.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (II), Claims 7-12, 20, 21 and 22 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

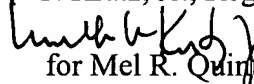
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our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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